REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the performance of a thorough search. By this amendment, Claims 24, 25, and 36 have been amended. Claims 1-23, and 37-50 have been cancelled. Claims 51-58 have been added. Hence, Claims 24-36, and 51-58 are pending in the Application. It is respectfully submitted that the new claims and the amendments to the claims as indicated herein do not add any new matter to this application. Furthermore, amendments made to the claims as indicated herein have been made to improve readability and clarity of the claims.

Each issue raised in the Office Action mailed August 12, 2003 is addressed hereinafter. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claims 24-36 as amended are over come for reasons given hereafter.

SUMMARY OF REJECTIONS/OBJECTIONS

In the Office Action, Claims 14, 17, 20 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1, 37 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Chapter 7 of the Netscape Proxy Server Administrator's Guide.

Claims 2-7, 9-13, 21, 22, 24-29, 34, 35, 41, 42, and 45-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Netscape Proxy Server Administrator's Guide in view of Chapter 7.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

CLAIMS 14, 17, 20 and 23

In the Office Action, Claims 14, 17, 20 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. These claims have been cancelled.

CLAIM 24

Claim 24, as amended, recites in part:

"encrypting the requested content using a third secure session protocol; storing the encrypted requested content locally in a memory at the at least one SRP:"

The cited references do not disclose encrypting the requested content using a third secure session protocol for the purpose of storing the content in the local memory that is associated with the secure reverse proxy. The third secure session protocol is known only to the secure reverse proxy. In contrast, the encrypted content that is sent to the web browser is encrypted using the secure session protocol established between the secure reverse proxy and the web browser (i.e., the first secure session protocol).

Thus, the Netscape Proxy Server Administrator's Guide, whether taken alone, or in combination with *Subramaniam* and *Bellwood*, does not disclose, teach or suggest encrypting the requested content using a third secure session protocol for purposes of securely storing the content in the local cache at the SRP. Thus, Claim 24 is neither anticipated by Netscape Proxy Server Administrator's Guide or rendered obvious over

Netscape Proxy Server Administrator's Guide, whether taken alone or in view of Subramaniam and Bellwood.

CLAIMS 25-36

Claims 25-26 are either directly or indirectly dependent upon independent Claim 24, and include all the features of Claim 24. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 25-26 are allowable for at least the reasons provided herein with respect to Claim 24.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4311.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to Applicants' Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

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